

Amendments to the Specification:

The following paragraphs of the specification will replace all prior versions in the application:

Please replace current paragraph [0071] with the following revised paragraph:

[0071] At step [[20]] 19 of FIG. 4b, the PoD tool 52e in conjunction with the workstation 51 re-creates the dot pattern which is to be printed, using dots with the characteristics selected at step 18. In the present embodiment, the information defining the characteristics of the selected dot type is stored locally with respect to the workstation 51, in the memory 52b of the PC 52. However, in other embodiments, this information may be stored on a server connected to a network such as a LAN or the Internet 62, or indeed in a memory associated with the printer that is to be used, such as the memory 60a. The PoD tool 52e then converts the re-created dot pattern into a print file ready for printing in a conventional manner. In the present embodiment, the dot pattern which is to be printed is re-created as a bit map, although any other suitable format may instead be used.